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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of West Coast Gas Company  
(U910G) to Establish Memorandum Account to  
Track and Record California Air Resources  
Board Assembly Bill 32 Cost of Implementation  
Fees.

Application 14-01-011  
(Filed January 6, 2014)

**DECISION GRANTING WEST COAST GAS COMPANY AUTHORITY TO  
ESTABLISH A MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT TO TRACK AND RECORD  
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD ASSEMBLY BILL 32  
IMPLEMENTATION FEES**

**1. Summary**

This decision grants the unopposed request of West Coast Gas Company to establish an Environmental Compliance Cost Memorandum Account to record for subsequent authority to recover implementation fees imposed by the California Air Resources Board pursuant to Assembly Bill 32.

This decision does not change rates and has no safety implications. This proceeding is closed.

**2. Background and Discussion**

Pursuant to authority within Assembly Bill 32 (Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 95201) the California Air Resources Board was authorized to establish and collect implementation fees from California public utilities. In Decision (D.) 12-10-044, dated October 25, 2012, the Commission granted authority to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), Southern California Edison Company (Edison), Southern

California Gas Company (SoCalGas), and Southwest Gas Company (Southwest) to recover costs by increasing their electric and gas rates and charges for the fees imposed by the California Air Resources Board and recorded in previously authorized memorandum accounts. West Coast Gas Company (West Coast) has no such account and this application seeks to establish an Environmental Compliance Cost Memorandum Account to record these fees for later recovery. Without a memorandum account West Coast lacks the authority to later recover these fees in rates.

This application is unopposed and is consistent with the authority previously granted to four other utilities.

### **3. Waiver of Comment Period**

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 311(g)(2) of the Public Utilities Code and Rule 14.6(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is waived.

### **4. Assignment of Proceeding**

Carla Peterman is the assigned Commissioner and Douglas M. Long is the assigned Administrative Law Judge.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. Assembly Bill 32, as enacted by the Legislature and implemented by the California Air Resources Board, imposed implementation fees on energy utilities including West Coast.
2. West Coast has no existing mechanism to recover these fees.
3. This proceeding is categorized as ratesetting and hearings are not needed.

### **Conclusions of Law**

1. West Coast is subject to this Commission's jurisdiction.

2. It is reasonable for West Coast Gas to track and record California Air Resources Board's implementation fees imposed on West Coast Gas for potential future authority to recover.
3. This decision should be effective immediately.

**O R D E R**

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Application 14-01-011 is granted. West Coast Gas Company must file a Tier 1 Advice Letter to implement an Environmental Compliance Cost Memorandum Account to record for subsequent authority to recover the implementation fees imposed on it by the California Air Resources Board pursuant to Assembly Bill 32.
2. This decision is effective immediately.
3. Application 14-01-011 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at Los Angeles, California.